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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS OF AT&T INC. AND DEUTSCHE TELEKOM AG FOR
CONSENT TO ASSIGN OR TRANSFER CONTROL OF LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS; (WT
PROCEEDING - NO. 11-65).*

Dear Commissioners;

I am writing you today to express support for the AT&T merger with T-Mobile USA. I urge your support as well.

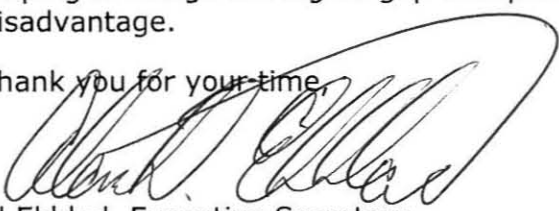
When considering a position on this acquisition, the MT AFL-CIO looked at whether it would be good for workers, customers, and the country as a whole. In this merger, we find winning outcomes for all three considerations.

AT&T workers are the only employees of a wireless company in the U.S. that have a voice on the job. We believe the good labor-management environment at AT&T will be beneficial for T-Mobile's workers. The company takes a union-neutral stance in the collective bargaining decisions of its workers.

This move will be good for consumers as well. Nearly 100 million Americans don't have broadband service at home. In today's world, it's hard to imagine getting by without an internet connection. Wireless access makes sense in many areas where it's costly and difficult to build wired networks. AT&T has committed to extending its broadband wireless service to more than 97% of Americans as a result of this merger, which will make Montana more competitive, stimulate the economy and create new jobs.

We understand that the Federal Communications Commission will look closely at this merger. When you do, please keep in mind that your support will bring T-Mobile workers into a company with a cooperative work environment, while helping to bridge the digital gap that puts many workers and consumers at a disadvantage.

Thank you for your time,


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